

Amendments to the Specification

IN THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Myeloperoxidase (MPO) activity, an indicator of polymorphonuclear leukocyte (PMN) accumulation was determined as previously described ~~†~~(Anderson, B.O., Brown, J.M., Shanley, P.F., Benser, D.D., and Harken, A.H. (1991) Marginating neutrophils are reversibly adherent to normal lung endothelium. *Surgery* 109:51-61). Samples of lung and kidney were obtained and weighed. Each piece of tissue was ~~homogenised~~homogenized in a solution containing 0.5% hexadecyl-trimethyl-ammonium bromide dissolved in 10 mM potassium phosphate buffer (pH 7.0) and centrifuged for 30 min at 20,000 x g at 4°C. An aliquot of the supernatant was ~~then~~then allowed to react with a solution of tetra-methyl-benzidine (1.6mM) and 0.1 mM H₂O₂. The rate of change in absorbance was measured spectrophotometrically at 650 nm. 1 mU of MPO activity was defined as the quantity of enzyme degrading 1 µmol of peroxidase per min at 37°C, and was expressed in mU per mg of wet tissue.